Gallantry awards

†2978. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether gallantry awards are given to the soldiers for gallantry;

(b) whether this gallantry award is also given to the dependents of soldiers who took part in first and second world wars and in the wars fought afterwards; and

(c) if so, the amount given per month as the gallantry award?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The gallantry award is given to the next of kin in case of posthumous awardees.

(c) Monetary allowances are attached to the gallantry awards. A statement indicating allowances given per month in respect of different categories of gallantry awards is given in the statement.

Statement

Details of monetary allowances given per month in respect of various gallantry Awards

Post Independence:

Gallantry Award	Monetary Allowance (Rs.)
(i) Param Vir Chakra	1,500/-
(ii) Ashok Chakra	1,400/-
(iii) Maha Vir Chakra	1,200/-
(iv) Kirti Chakra	1,050/-
(v) Vir Chakara	850/-
(vi) Shaurya Chakra	750/-
(vii) Sena/Nao Sena/Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)	250/-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Pre-Independence:

Gallantry Award	Monetary Allowance (Rs.)
(i) Victoria Cross:	
(a) Officers/JCOs	80/- P.m.
(b) Other Ranks (In addition to it, 100 Pound Sterling per annum is paid by the British Government)	40/- P.m.
(ii) Indian Order of Merit	350/- P.m.
(iii) Indian Order of Merit Class I	300/- P.m.
(iv) Indian Order of merit Class II	200/- P.m.
(v) Distinguished Service Cross	200/- P.m.
(vi) Military Cross	200/- P.m.
(vii) Distinguished Flying Cross	200/- P.m.
(viii) Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	200/- P.m.
(ix) Military Medal	90/- P.m.
(x) Indian Distinguished Service Medal	70/- P.m.
(xi) Distinguished Flying Medal	50/- P.m.

Reservation for women in elections to Cantonment Boards

2979. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would conduct elections to Cantonment Boards in India;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would provide women reservations in all Cantonment Boards before conducting the elections to all Cantonment Boards in India;